

# SPECIAL MEETING OF THE OKLAHOMA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

Thursday, February 25, 2021

2:00 p.m.

via Zoom Teleconference

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## AGENDA

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**CALL TO ORDER.....Chairman Liotta**

**ROLL CALL.....Chairman Liotta**

Chairman Liotta will appear remotely via Zoom teleconference.

Commissioner Russell will appear remotely via Zoom teleconference.

Commissioner Tilly will appear remotely via Zoom teleconference.

**A. The Commissioners will observe and may participate in the Advisory Council's discussion of the following agenda items 1-11, but no action will be taken by the Commission:**

1. Call to order.
2. Roll call and determination of quorum present.

Chairman Carter will appear remotely via Zoom teleconference.

Angela LeBlanc will appear remotely via Zoom teleconference.

Jim Curry will appear remotely via Zoom teleconference.

Jonathan Buxton will appear remotely via Zoom teleconference.

Bryce Hill will appear remotely via Zoom teleconference.

Becky Robinson will appear remotely via Zoom teleconference.

Dr. Wienecke will appear remotely via Zoom teleconference.

Sterling Zearley will appear remotely via Zoom teleconference.

3. Recognize WCC Chairman for roll call and determination of WCC quorum present.

4. Announcements and Introductions.
5. Discussion and possible action concerning November 5, 2020, minutes for the special meeting of the Advisory Council Committee.
6. Discussion regarding COVID-19 and its effect on WCC cases and hearings currently and in the future.
7. Discussion regarding the 2021 Legislative Session.
8. Discussion regarding additional recruitment of specialty physicians to serve as WCC independent medical examiners.
9. Discussion and possible action regarding the 2020 Annual Report.
10. The next Advisory Council Meeting will be on Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.
11. Adjournment of the Advisory Council and the WCC.

**B. ADJOURNMENT of the Commission.....Chairman Liotta**



## Bill Status Report

01-25-2021 - 10:17:58

- Action in the date range - Link to Related Information ( ) - Priority

### Workers' Compensation

HB 2026 O'Donnell, Terry(R) Workers' compensation; definitions; effective date.

**Track Name(s):** Workers' Compensation

**Bill History:** 01-20-21 H Filed

HB 2149 McEntire, Marcus(R) Workers' compensation; Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Laws Amendments Act of 2021; effective date.

**Track Name(s):** Workers' Compensation

**Bill History:** 01-21-21 H Filed

HB 2150 McEntire, Marcus(R) Workers' compensation; Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Laws Amendments Act of 2021; effective date.

**Track Name(s):** Workers' Compensation

**Bill History:** 01-21-21 H Filed

HB 2151 McEntire, Marcus(R) Workers' compensation; Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Policy Act of 2021; effective date.

**Track Name(s):** Workers' Compensation

**Bill History:** 01-21-21 H Filed

HB 2153 McEntire, Marcus(R) Workers' compensation; Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Policy Act of 2021; effective date.

**Track Name(s):** Workers' Compensation

**Bill History:** 01-21-21 H Filed

HB 2236 May, Stan(R) Workers' compensation; fraud; income reporting; effective date.

**Track Name(s):** Workers' Compensation

		<b>Bill History:</b> 01-21-21 H Filed
HB 2239	May, Stan(R)	Workers' compensation; establishing a presumption regarding occupational disease; emergency.
		<b>Track Name(s):</b> Workers' Compensation
		<b>Bill History:</b> 01-21-21 H Filed
HB 2255	Hilbert, Kyle(R)	Workers' compensation; premium reduction; work-based learning employers; reports; study; training agreements; effective date.
		<b>Track Name(s):</b> Workers' Compensation
		<b>Bill History:</b> 01-21-21 H Filed
HB 2276	West, Josh(R)	Workers' compensation; mental illness or injury; volunteer firefighters group insurance; effective date.
		<b>Track Name(s):</b> Workers' Compensation
		<b>Bill History:</b> 01-21-21 H Filed
HB 2384	Sterling, Danny(R)	Workers' compensation; premium reduction; work based learning employers; reports; study; training agreements;
		<b>Track Name(s):</b> Workers' Compensation
		<b>Bill History:</b> 01-21-21 H Filed
HB 2533	Kannady, Chris(R)	Workers' compensation; Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Policy Review Act of 2021; effective date.
		<b>Track Name(s):</b> Workers' Compensation
		<b>Bill History:</b> 01-21-21 H Filed
HB 2535	Kannady, Chris(R)	Workers' compensation; Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Law and Policy Review Act of 2021; effective date.
		<b>Track Name(s):</b> Workers' Compensation
		<b>Bill History:</b> 01-21-21 H Filed
HB 2786	Pfeiffer, John(R)	State revenue administration; State Revenue and Tax Administration Workers' Compensation Act; effective date.
		<b>Track Name(s):</b> Workers' Compensation

		<b>Bill History:</b> 01-21-21 H Filed
HB 2789	Pfeiffer, John(R)	Workers' compensation; Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Law and Policy Act of 2021; effective date.
		<b>Track Name(s):</b> Workers' Compensation
		<b>Bill History:</b> 01-21-21 H Filed
SB 324	Daniels, Julie(R)	Makes employee injuries arising as a substantially certain result of employer conduct compensable under Workers' Compensation and excludes such circumstances from being considered an intentional tort in certain cases.
		<b>Track Name(s):</b> Workers' Compensation
		<b>Bill History:</b> 01-08-21 S Filed
SB 330	Rader, Dave(R)	Removes requirements that the Tax Commission determine and transmit in writing the fund balance of the Self-Insurance Guaranty Fund at specific times each year and upon request by the Workers' Compensation Commission; EMERGENCY.
		<b>Track Name(s):</b> Workers' Compensation
		<b>Bill History:</b> 01-11-21 S Filed
SB 369	David, Kim(R)	Extends workers' compensation benefits provided to the spouse of a deceased person even upon that person's remarriage if the death occurred in the course and scope of employment as a law enforcement officer or firefighter.
		<b>Track Name(s):</b> Workers' Compensation
		<b>Bill History:</b> 01-12-21 S Filed
SB 472	Daniels, Julie(R)	Provides funds for the Workers' Compensation Court of Existing Claims for FY-2022, and for as long as the Court exists, allocates one judge and an at-will employee to the Court to assist the judge if funds are so available; EMERGENCY.
		<b>Track Name(s):</b> Workers' Compensation
		<b>Bill History:</b> 01-19-21 S Filed
SB 524	Quinn, Marty(R)	Removes the exemption for CompSource Mutual from Joint Underwriting, Joint Reinsurance Pool, and Residual Market Activities provisions, and directs the Insurance Commissioner to develop and administer an assigned risk workers' comp plan.

**Track Name(s):** Workers' Compensation

**Bill History:** 01-20-21 S Filed

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SB 604 Rader, Dave(R) Removes requirements that the Tax Commission determine the fund balance of the Self-insurance Guaranty Fund at certain times each year and upon request by the Workers Compensation Commission.

**Track Name(s):** Workers' Compensation

**Bill History:** 01-21-21 S Filed

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SB 655 Thompson, Roger(R) Places responsibility for the Firefighter Group Insurance Pool under OMES and establishes provisions for healthcare coverage and workers' compensation to first responders suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder.

**Track Name(s):** Workers' Compensation

**Bill History:** 01-21-21 S Filed

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SB 975 Dahm, Nathan(R) Advisory Council on Workers' Compensation; repealing provisions. Effective date.

**Track Name(s):** Workers' Compensation

**Bill History:** 01-21-21 S Filed

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SB 983 Bullard, David (F)(R) Workers' compensation; authorizing certain premium reduction for employer participation in certain program. Effective date.

**Track Name(s):** Workers' Compensation

**Bill History:** 01-21-21 S Filed

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SB 1013 Daniels, Julie(R) Workers' compensation compliance investigations; authorizing confidentiality of certain litigation files. Emergency.

**Track Name(s):** Workers' Compensation

**Bill History:** 01-21-21 S Filed

**Total Bills: 24**



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The Honorable Charles McCall  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Advisory Council is pleased to present you our 2020 annual report pursuant to 85A O.S. Section 121. The information contained in this report reflects the activities and accomplishments of the Council for the period of calendar year 2020. On behalf of the Council, we appreciate and thank you for the continuing opportunity to be of service.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael D. Carter  
Chairman, Advisory Council on Workers' Compensation  
For the Council

**2020 ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
ADVISORY COUNCIL ON WORKERS' COMPENSATION**

**Presented to:**

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Governor

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**The Honorable Greg Treat**  
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**COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP IN 2020**

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**COUNCIL STAFF**

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**2020 ANNUAL REPORT  
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**I.  
INTRODUCTION**

The Advisory Council on Workers' Compensation, created by 85A O.S. § 121 serves as an advisory body to the Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Commission. This report identifies the progress and activities of the Council during calendar year 2020.

Membership of the Council in 2020 included Michael D. Carter, Chairman; Angela R. LeBlanc, Vice Chair; Jim C. Curry; Jonathan D. Buxton; Bryce A. Hill; Becky Robinson; Robert J. Wienecke, M.D.; Sterling Zearley; and one statutorily permitted Council position is vacant. A current membership list, including appointing authority, is included in the Appendix to this report. Staff support for the committee is provided by the Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Commission as provided in 85A O.S. § 121.

**II.  
STATUTORY DUTIES**

The statutory duties of the Advisory Council are set forth in 85A O.S. § 121, a copy of which is included in the Appendix. These duties include:

- The Advisory Council shall analyze and review the worker's compensation system, the reports of the Commission, and trends in the field of worker's compensation. The Advisory Council may also recommend improvements and proper responses to developing trends.
- The Advisory Council shall report its findings annually to the Governor, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- In addition to other duties required by this section, the Advisory Council shall consult with the Commission regarding oversight of independent medical examiners as provided in Section 45 of this title.

**III.  
2020 ACTIVITIES**

During the first half of 2020, the Advisory Council on Workers' Compensation monitored workers' compensation legislation. Approximately twenty measures pertaining to the workers' compensation system were tracked, reviewed, and discussed as they advanced through the legislative process.

In addition to reviewing legislative activity, the Advisory Council also monitored, considered, and discussed recent appellate opinions of the Oklahoma Supreme Court and

Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals that pertain to Title 85A, the Administrative Worker's Compensation Act.

#### **IV. PUBLIC MEETINGS**

The Advisory Council held four (4) regular public meetings in 2020. Copies of the agendas and minutes for each of the meetings are included in the Appendix to this report.

Regular meetings of the Advisory Council for calendar year 2021 are scheduled for February 4, 2021, March 4, 2021, April 1, 2021, May 6, 2021, September 2, 2021, and November 4, 2021. The meetings are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. in the second floor Commission Chambers at the Workers' Compensation Commission, 1915 N. Stiles Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

#### **V. CONCLUSION**

The Advisory Council is pleased to submit this report. We hope our efforts help enhance meaningful review of issues affecting our state's workers' compensation system.

# **Appendix**



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85A O.S. § 121**

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Appointment Source</b>	<b>Expiration of Term</b>
Becky Robinson	Governor	January 1, 2020
Angela R. LeBlanc	Governor	January 1, 2021
Jonathan D. Buxton	Governor	January 1, 2022
Bryce A. Hill	President Pro Tempore	January 1, 2023
Michael D. Carter	President Pro Tempore	January 1, 2023
Robert J. Wienecke M.D.	President Pro Tempore	January 1, 2023
Jim C. Curry	Speaker of the House	January 1, 2016
Sterling Zearley	Speaker of the House	January 1, 2015
VACANT POSITION	Speaker of the House	January 1, 2017

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**Title 85A. Workers' Compensation**

**Oklahoma Statutes Citationized**

**Title 85A. Workers' Compensation**

**Chapter 1 - Administrative Workers' Compensation Act**

**Section 121 - Advisory Council on Workers' Compensation - Appointments - Terms - Vacancy - Chair and Vice-Chair - Reimbursement - Meetings - Reports - Duties**

Cite as: 85A O.S. § 121 (OSCN 2021)

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- A. There is hereby created an Advisory Council on Workers' Compensation.
- B. The voting membership of the Advisory Council shall consist of nine (9) members. Any member serving on the effective date of this section shall serve the remainder of his or her term. The chair of the Workers' Compensation Commission shall be an ex officio nonvoting member.
1. The Governor shall appoint three members representing employers in this state, one of whom shall be from a list of nominees provided by the predominant statewide broad-based business organization.
  2. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint three members representing employees in this state, one of whom shall be from a list of nominees provided by the most representative labor organization in the state.
  3. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint three members, two who are attorneys representing the legal profession in this state, one of whom shall be an attorney who practices primarily in the area of defense of workers' compensation claims, and one of whom shall be an attorney who primarily represents claimants, and a medical doctor or doctor of osteopathy actively engaged in the treatment of injured workers.
- C. The term of office for appointees shall be as follows:
1. The term of office for three positions, one each appointed by the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall expire on January 1, 2015;
  2. The term of office for three positions, one each appointed by the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall expire on January 1, 2016; and
  3. The term of office for three positions, one each appointed by the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall expire on January 1, 2017.
- D. Thereafter, successors in office shall be appointed for a three-year term. Members shall be eligible to succeed themselves in office.
- E. Any person appointed to fill a vacancy shall be appointed for the unexpired portion of the term.
- F. The chair and the vice-chair of the Advisory Council shall be appointed by the Governor.
- G. Members shall receive their traveling and other necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as provided in the State Travel Reimbursement Act.
- H. Meetings of the Advisory Council shall be quarterly or as called by the chair or upon petition by a majority of the voting members. The presence of five voting members constitutes a quorum. No action shall be taken by the Advisory Council without the affirmative vote of at least five members.
- I. The Commission shall provide office supplies and personnel of the Commission to carry out any of the duties that have been entrusted to the Advisory Council.

J. The Advisory Council shall analyze and review the workers' compensation system, the reports of the Commission, and trends in the field of workers' compensation. The Advisory Council may recommend improvements and proper responses to developing trends. The Advisory Council shall report its findings annually to the Governor, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

K. In addition to other duties required by this section, the Advisory Council shall consult with the Commission regarding oversight of independent medical examiners as provided in Section 45 of this title.

**Historical Data**

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Laws 2013, SB 1062, c. 208, § 164, eff. February 1, 2014; Amended by Laws 2019, HB 2367, c. 476, § 41, emerg. eff. May 28, 2019 (superseded document available).

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**85A O.S. § 121**

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING**

The Advisory Council on Workers' Compensation will hold a regular meeting at the Workers' Compensation Commission, Denver Davison Building, 1915 N. Stiles, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, **2<sup>nd</sup> Floor En Banc Commission Chambers Thursday, March 5, 2020, at 2:00 p.m.**

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**AGENDA**

1. Call to order.
2. Roll call and determination of quorum present.
3. Announcements and Introductions.
4. Discussion and possible action to vote on November 7, 2019, minutes for the special meeting of the Advisory Council Committee.
5. Discussion regarding the 2020 Legislative Session.
6. Discussion and possible action, to include approving, modifying, or not approving, the 2019 Annual Report.
7. Discussion and possible action, to include making recommendations to the Commission, regarding the Workers' Compensation Commission's proposed amended Medical Fee Schedule and Fair Health's Oklahoma Summary Report.
8. Adjournment.



**ADVISORY COUNCIL ON WORKERS' COMPENSATION  
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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ADVISORY  
COUNCIL COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, MARCH 5,  
2020, AT THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION IN  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**

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**Present:** Michael D. Carter, Angela R. Leblanc, Jim C. Curry, Bryce Hill, Jonathan Buxton, and Dr. Robert Wienecke.

**Others Present:** WCC Chairman Mark Liotta; Commissioner Jordan Russell, WCC; Commissioner Megan Tilly, WCC; Lauren Hammonds Johnson, WCC; Collin Fowler, WCC; Ian Steedman, WCC; and Dr. Jay Cannon, WCC

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Michael Carter, at 2:00 p.m. The Secretary of State's office had been notified of the meeting, and the agenda was posted at the Workers' Compensation Commission's Oklahoma City and Tulsa locations, and online on the Workers' Compensation Commission website.

**Roll Call and Determination of Quorum:** Michael D. Carter, Angela R. Leblanc, Jim C. Curry, Bryce Hill, Jonathan Buxton, and Dr. Robert Wienecke, were present. A quorum was noted.

**Discussion and possible action regarding November 7, 2019, meeting minutes:**

**Motion:** Jim Curry moved to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2019 Advisory Council Meeting.

**Second:** Bryce Hill.

Those voting aye: Michael D. Carter, Angela R. Leblanc, Jim C. Curry, Bryce Hill, Jonathan Buxton, and Dr. Robert Wienecke.

**The motion carried.**

**Discussion regarding the 2020 Legislative Session:** Commissioner Russell gave comments on the current status of 2020 legislative bills regarding the Commission and Advisory Council.

There was no action taken on this agenda item.

**Discussion and possible action, to include approving, modifying, or not approving the 2019 Annual Report:**

***Motion:*** Jim Curry moved to make modifications to the 2019 Annual report.

***Second:*** Bryce Hill.

Those voting aye: Michael D. Carter, Angela R. Leblanc, Jim C. Curry, Bryce Hill, Jonathan Buxton, and Dr. Robert Wienecke.

***The motion carried.***

***Motion:*** Michael Carter moved to sign 2019 Annual report, on behalf of the Advisory Council, pending modifications.

***Second:*** Bryce Hill.

Those voting aye: Michael D. Carter, Angela R. Leblanc, Jim C. Curry, Bryce Hill, Jonathan Buxton, and Dr. Robert Wienecke.

***The motion carried.***

**Discussion and possible action, to include making a recommendation to the Commission, regarding the Workers' Compensation Commission's proposed amended Medical Fee Schedule and Fair Health's Oklahoma Summary Report:** The Commissioners briefed the Advisory Council on the Workers' Compensation Commission's proposed amended Medical Fee Schedule and responded to questions.

There was no action taken on this agenda item.

**Adjournment:**

***Motion:*** Jim Curry moved to adjourn.

***Second:*** Bryce Hill.

Those voting aye: Michael D. Carter, Angela R. Leblanc, Jim C. Curry, Bryce Hill, Jonathan Buxton, and Dr. Robert Wienecke.

***The motion carried.***

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 P.M.



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The Advisory Council on Workers' Compensation will hold a special meeting via Zoom Teleconference, <https://zoom.us/j/93728268806>, or 1 (346) 248-7799, Meeting ID: 937 2826 8806, Thursday, May 7, 2020, at 2:00 p.m.

*This meeting is also being conducted under the new emergency provisions of the Open Meeting Act, as amended by SB 661 on Wednesday, March 18, 2020.*

**AGENDA**

1. Call to order.
2. Roll call and determination of quorum present.  
  
 Chairman Carter will appear remotely via Zoom teleconference.  
 Angela LeBlanc will appear remotely via Zoom teleconference.  
 Jim Curry will appear remotely via Zoom teleconference.  
 Jonathan Buxton will appear remotely via Zoom teleconference.  
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 Sterling Zearley will appear remotely via Zoom teleconference.
3. Announcements and Introductions.
4. Discussion and possible action to vote on March 5, 2020, minutes for the Special Meeting of the Advisory Council.
5. Discussion regarding the status of bills pertaining to the AWCA or the Workers' Compensation Commission.
6. Discussion on plans and timeframe regarding the Commission reopening for business, including in-person trials and announcements.
7. The next Advisory Council Meeting will be on Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.
8. Adjournment.



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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2020, AT THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION IN OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**

The Advisory Council on Workers' Compensation held a special meeting via Zoom Teleconference, <https://zoom.us/j/93728268806>, or 1 (346) 248-7799, Meeting ID: 937 2826 8806, Thursday, May 7, 2020, at 2:00 p.m.

**Present via Zoom:** Michael D. Carter, Angela R. Leblanc, Bryce Hill, Jonathan Buxton, and Dr. Robert Wienecke.

**Others Present:** WCC Chairman Mark Liotta; Commissioner Jordan Russell, WCC; Commissioner Megan Tilly, WCC; Lauren Hammonds Johnson, WCC; Collin Fowler, WCC; Ian Steedman, WCC; and Dr. Jay Cannon, WCC

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Michael Carter, at 2:00 p.m. The Secretary of State's office had been notified of the meeting, and the agenda was posted at the Workers' Compensation Commission's Oklahoma City and Tulsa locations, and online on the Workers' Compensation Commission website.

**Roll Call and Determination of Quorum:** Michael D. Carter, Angela R. Leblanc, Bryce Hill, Jonathan Buxton, and Dr. Robert Wienecke, were present. A quorum was noted.

**Announcements and Introductions:**

There were no announcements and no action taken on this agenda item.

**Discussion and possible action regarding March 5, 2020, meeting minutes:**

**Motion:** Dr. Robert Wienecke moved to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2020 Advisory Council Meeting.

**Second:** Jonathan Buxton.

Those voting aye: Michael D. Carter, Angela R. Leblanc, Bryce Hill, Jonathan Buxton, and Dr. Robert Wienecke.

***The motion carried.***

**Discussion regarding the status of bills pertaining to the AWCA or the Workers' Compensation Commission:** Commissioner Russell gave comments on the current status of 2020 legislative bills regarding the Commission and Advisory Council. Michael Carter gave comments on possible COVID-19 bills. He stated these bills did not pertain to workers' compensation issues in regard to COVID-19, and he was not aware of any such bills.

There was no action taken on this agenda item.

**Discussion on plans and timeframe regarding the Commission reopening for business, including in-person trials and announcements:** Chairman Liotta discussed the functionality of the Workers' Compensation Commission since the COVID-19 shutdown, the steps that will be taken to reach full operating capacity, and answered questions of the Advisory Council. Commissioner Tilly expounded upon the social distancing guidance and procedures in the Denver N. Davidson Building. Jordan Russell announced that the Commission will resume appeal hearings in May and hire additional custodial assistance to clean the courtroom.

There was no action taken on this agenda item.

**Adjournment:**

***Motion:*** Bryce Hill moved to adjourn.

***Second:*** Dr. Robert Wienecke.

Those voting aye: Michael D. Carter, Angela R. Leblanc, Bryce Hill, Jonathan Buxton, and Dr. Robert Wienecke.

***The motion carried.***

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 P.M.



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The Advisory Council on Workers' Compensation will hold a special meeting via Zoom Teleconference on Thursday, September 3, 2020, at 2:00 p.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/91798248495?>

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**or**

**1 (346) 248-7799, Meeting ID: 917 9824 8495, Password: 1234**

*This meeting is also being conducted under the new emergency provisions of the Open Meeting Act, as amended by SB 661 on Wednesday, March 18, 2020.*

**AGENDA**

1. Call to order.
2. Roll call and determination of quorum present.  
  
 Chairman Carter will appear remotely via Zoom teleconference.  
 Angela LeBlanc will appear remotely via Zoom teleconference.  
 Jim Curry will appear remotely via Zoom teleconference.  
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3. Recognize WCC Chairman for roll call and determination of WCC quorum present.
4. Announcements and Introductions.
5. Discussion and possible action to vote on May 7, 2020, minutes for the Special Meeting of the Advisory Council.
6. Discussion regarding bills signed into law pertaining to the AWCA or the Workers' Compensation Commission.
7. The next Advisory Council Meeting will be on Thursday, November 5, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.
8. Adjournment of the Advisory Council and the WCC



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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2020, VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE**

The Advisory Council on Workers' Compensation held a special meeting via Zoom Teleconference, <https://zoom.us/j/91798248495>, or 1 (346) 248-7799, Meeting ID: 917 9824 8495, Thursday, September 3, 2020, at 2:00 p.m.

**Present via Zoom:** Michael D. Carter, Angela R. Leblanc, Bryce Hill, Jonathan Buxton, and Jim Curry.

**Others Present:** WCC Chairman Mark Liotta; Commissioner Jordan Russell, WCC; Commissioner Megan Tilly, WCC; Collin Fowler, WCC; and Hopper Smith, WCC.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Michael Carter, at 2:00 p.m. The Secretary of State's office had been notified of the meeting, and the agenda was posted at the Workers' Compensation Commission's Oklahoma City and Tulsa locations, and online on the Workers' Compensation Commission website.

**Roll Call and Determination of Quorum:** Michael D. Carter, Angela R. Leblanc, Bryce Hill, Jonathan Buxton, and Jim Curry, were present. A quorum was noted.

**Announcements and Introductions:**

There were no announcements and no action taken on this agenda item.

**Discussion and possible action regarding May 7, 2020, meeting minutes:**

**Motion:** Bryce Hill moved to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2020 Advisory Council Meeting.

**Second:** Jonathan Buxton.

Those voting aye: Michael D. Carter, Angela R. Leblanc, Bryce Hill, Jonathan Buxton, and Jim Curry.

*The motion carried.*

**Discussion regarding bills signed into law pertaining to the AWCA or the Workers' Compensation Commission:** Commissioner Russell gave comments on the signed 2020 legislative bills regarding the Commission and Advisory Council. Chairman Liotta stated that he expects to see attempts, at the next legislative session, to address how COVID-19 is handled in the workers' compensation environment. Commissioner Russell informed the Advisory Council of a Senate Interim Study regarding the effectiveness of the temporary Open Meetings Act laws for teleconferences.

There was no action taken on this agenda item.

**Announcements:** The next Advisory Council Meeting will be on Thursday, November 5, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

**Adjournment:**

*Motion:* Bryce Hill moved to adjourn.

*Second:* Angela Leblanc.

Those voting aye: Michael D. Carter, Angela R. Leblanc, Bryce Hill, Jonathan Buxton, and Dr. Robert Wienecke.

*The motion carried.*

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 P.M.



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The Advisory Council on Workers' Compensation will hold a special meeting via Zoom Teleconference on Thursday, November 5, 2020, at 2:00 p.m.

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*This meeting is also being conducted under the new emergency provisions of the Open Meeting Act, as amended by SB 661 on Wednesday, March 18, 2020.*

**AGENDA**

1. Call to order.
2. Roll call and determination of quorum present.  
  
Chairman Carter will appear remotely via Zoom teleconference.  
Angela LeBlanc will appear remotely via Zoom teleconference.  
Jim Curry will appear remotely via Zoom teleconference.  
Jonathan Buxton will appear remotely via Zoom teleconference.  
Bryce Hill will appear remotely via Zoom teleconference.  
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Sterling Zearley will appear remotely via Zoom teleconference.
3. Recognize WCC Chairman for roll call and determination of WCC quorum present.
4. Announcements and Introductions.
5. Discussion and possible action to vote on September 3, 2020, minutes for the Special Meeting of the Advisory Council.
6. Discussion and possible action concerning next year's regular meeting dates as follows:

- February 4, 2021
- March 4, 2021
- April 1, 2021
- May 6, 2021
- September 2, 2021
- November 4, 2021

7. Discussion regarding the rise of COVID-19 cases and its effect on WCC hearings.
8. Adjournment of the Advisory Council and the WCC.



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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2020, VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE**

The Advisory Council on Workers' Compensation held a special meeting via Zoom Teleconference, <https://zoom.us/j/95904650382?>, or 1 (346) 248-7799, Meeting ID: 959 0465 0382, Password: 1234, Thursday, November 5, 2020, at 2:00 p.m.

**Present via Zoom:** Michael D. Carter, Angela R. Leblanc, Bryce Hill, Jonathan Buxton, and Becky Robinson.

**Others Present:** Chairman Mark Liotta, WCC; Commissioner Jordan Russell, WCC; Commissioner Megan Tilly, WCC; Collin Fowler, WCC; Lauren Hammonds Johnson, WCC; and Hopper Smith, WCC.

**1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Michael Carter, at 2:00 p.m. The Secretary of State's office had been notified of the meeting, and the agenda was posted at the Workers' Compensation Commission's Oklahoma City and Tulsa locations, and online on the Workers' Compensation Commission website.

**2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum:** Michael D. Carter, Angela R. Leblanc, Bryce Hill, Jonathan Buxton, and Becky Robinson, were present. A quorum was noted.

**3. Recognize WCC Chairman for roll call and determination of WCC quorum present:** Chairman Mark Liotta recognized. A quorum of Commissioners Liotta, Tilly, and Russell were present via Zoom.

**4. Announcements and Introductions:**

There were no announcements and no action taken on this agenda item.

**5. Discussion and possible action regarding September 3, 2020, meeting minutes:**

**Motion:** Bryce Hill moved to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2020 Advisory Council Meeting.

**Second:** Jonathan Buxton.

Those voting aye: Michael D. Carter, Angela R. Leblanc, Bryce Hill, Jonathan Buxton, and Becky Robinson.

*The motion carried.*

**6. Discussion and possible action concerning next year's regular meeting dates as follows:**

February 4, 2021  
March 4, 2021  
April 1, 2021  
May 6, 2021  
September 2, 2021  
November 4, 2021

**Motion:** Bryce Hill moved to approve the dates for next year's Advisory Council regular meetings.

**Second:** Jonathan Buxton.

Those voting aye: Michael D. Carter, Angela R. Leblanc, Bryce Hill, Jonathan Buxton, and Becky Robinson.

**7. Discussion regarding the rise of COVID-19 cases and its effect on WCC hearings:** Chairman Liotta updated the Advisory Council on the operations of the WCC, COVID-19 precautions taken during WCC hearings, and answered questions of the Advisory Council Committee.

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 P.M.